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Highlights of Report Number: 02-06-202-03-390, to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.

WHY READ THE REPORT

Metropolitan College of New York (MCNY) is one of the partners in the Education and Work Consortium, which established the Welfare to Careers Project to serve New York City area students eligible for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), to permanently remove participants from government assistance and poverty by preparing them for careers that are sustainable and that provide sufficient income to support a family.

In 2002, MCNY received a \$475,000 earmark grant (agreement number AF-12767-03-60) to pay the tuition gap, the difference between the student's total tuition cost and the financial aid awarded, for an estimated 180 students enrolled in college during 2003.

WHY OIG DID THE AUDIT

The audit objectives were to determine if: (1) MCNY provided tuition gap funding in accordance with grant requirements; (2) grant outcomes were measured, achieved and reported; and (3) reported outlays were reasonable and allocable. Our audit period was December 9, 2002 through December 31, 2003.

READ THE FULL REPORT

To view the report, including the scope, methodology, and full agency response, go to:

<http://www.oig.dol.gov/public/reports/oa/2006/02-06-202-03-390.pdf>

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METROPOLITAN COLLEGE OF NEW YORK EARMARK GRANT

WHAT OIG FOUND

The OIG found that MCNY:

- Provided tuition gap assistance to students eligible for TANF; and
- Claimed \$475,000 in outlays that were reasonable and allocable to the grant.

However, placement outcomes were not yet measurable because 66 percent of participants were still in college.

Results were discussed with MCNY officials at an exit conference on December 6, 2005, and they had no comments.

WHAT OIG RECOMMENDED

The OIG made no recommendations; therefore, no agency response to the report was necessary.